QUERIES & ANSWERS.

The Status of Virginia During Reconstruction Times.

THE JOHN BROWN RAID

Names of the Jurymen Who Found the Raider Guilty-Richmond's Debt-

Horse-Tall Trouble, Etc. To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Was not Virginia remitted back to ter-tionial government after the late war?

2. Was not General Schofield made gov-ernor of said territory?

T. W. At the end of the war Peirpoint claimed to be the Governor of Virginia, and was recognized as such by the general gov-

Virginia was afterwards made a military district, and had several military. Governors, namely: Generals Schofield, Stoneman, and Canby-in success

The reconstruction acts did not treat Virginia or any other State as a territory. The Southern States were in those acts declared to be admitted to representation in Congress, not into the Union.

> Horse-Tail Trouble. SPARTA, VA.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: Is there any application which will promote the growth of hair in the mane and tail of a horse? Answer, and oblige an OLD READER.

Our correspondent is at fault. He does not state whether the loss of hair was caused by disease (skin disease) or whether the animal is in its natural con-

There are some very thin manes and talls-(rat tails)- and there is no remedy for them, but in this case, if the loss of hair is due to discuse of the skin a good veterinary surgeon should be able to prescribe a remedy.

A Major's Cost. To the Editor of the Dispatch:

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A lady of this city has in her possession a United States regulation army coat which was worn by a major of the United States Army during the war of 1812. The officer was from this city, and a member of a prominent Virginia family. The coat is in a remarkably fine state of preservation, the buillion trimming and brass buttons looking as bright as if only used a few years ago. Such a relie of the war of 1812 ought to be in possession of some society for the preservation of antiquities. Now, Mr. Editor, can you inform the writer through the columns of the Dispatch of some society that would be likely to purchase the coat as a relic, as the owner is a widow lady in needy circumstances, and oblige.

A SUBSCRIBER.

We know of no such society. We know of no such society.

Minor's Real Estate and Criminal Costs. STRATTON, VA. To the Editor of the Dispatch.

Has a court a right to sell a minor's real estate for criminal costs?

Yours truly, G. W. SUTHERLAND. Yes. The costs are paid by the Commonwealth in the first place, and have the effect of a judgment against the criminal in favor of the Commonwealth. That judgment should be docketed, if neces-To subject the minor's estate to pay back the costs which the State has paid for the criminal the Commonwealth's Attorney can institute a bill in chancery against the minor, his guardian, and all proper parties, and the court will order the real estate, or part thereof, to be sold to pay the judgment.

Ten Times One Is Ten.

A teacher writes us as follows:
I enclose a multiplication table taken
from Quackenbos's arithmetic, which was
long used in our public schools and also
throughout the United States with a
larger circulation perhaps than any other
arithmetic.
As you will see, Quackenbos uses "is." will see, Quackenbos uses "is,"

lingham, a great grammatical authority, eays, "two times the 8 is correct," because it means the number 4 taken two times is &c., in which "times" is used adverbially and not as subject of the verb. Of course when an expression is elliptical each side of this question can bring up arguments, but the usual practice in the arithmetics now is "are," not "is," and we have to go by the fashion.

P. S.—Davies's school arithmetic, page 45 bott., has the sanction "that 4 taken a times gives, &c.," though he uses "are" in his multiplication table.

Richmond's Debt. , To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Please, if you can, answer the following:

1. The charter limits the city debt to
18 per cent, of the assessed value of the
real estate, does it not?

2. Hea the charter specific terms. 2. Has the debt reached that maximum?

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3. If the taxes were raised from \$1.40 to \$1.50, as formerly, how much would that add to the revenue of the city, and would it pay her expenses and the interest on her debt?

TAX PAYER. 1. Yes.

3. The present margin of the city debt (including \$400,000 baby bonds) is about

By raising the tax from \$1.40 to \$1.50 on the \$100 our revenue would be increased about \$63,000, which would meet the interest on the city debt and the expenses of the city if not materially increased beyond present figures.

Presidential Candidates in 1856 and 1860. To the Editor of the Dispatch: Who were candidates for President and

Vice-President of the United States in 1800 and in 1806, also (if convenient) give us votes received. S. H. B. Candidates for the presidency in 1860: Republican, Abraham Lincoln. Popular vote, 1,865,913; electoral, 180.

Democratic, J. C. Breckinridge, Popular vote, 847,404; electoral, 72. Conservative Union, John Bell, Popular vote, 591,900; electoral, 39. Independent Democrat, S. A. Douglass.

Popular vote, 1,374,664; electoral, 12. Candidates for the Vice-Presidency in 1890: Republican, Hannibal Hamlin; Dem-

ocratic, Joseph Lane; Conservative Union, Edward Everett; Independent Democrat, H. V. Johnson. Candidates for the Presidency in 1856

Democratic, James Buchanan. Popular vote, 1,838.169; electoral, 174. Republican, John C. Fremont. Popular vote, 1,341,264; electoral, 114.

American, Millard Fillmore. vote, 874,534; electoral, 8. Vice-Presidency 1856: Democratic, J. C. mridge: Republican, William L.

Derion; American, A. J. Donelson. The John Brown Raid.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: Picase state what year and what month # was that old John Brown raided Har-per's Fersy, and who were the jurors on that famous trial. A SUBSCRIBER.

John Brown raided Harper's Ferry near midnight on Sunday, October 16, 1859. He took refuge in an old fire engine house on Monday, 17th, and was captured ult of United States troops, Colonel Robert E. Lee commanding, on Tuesday morning, the 18th.

He was tried in Charlestown, Judge Richard Parker presiding. The term of the court began October 20th. The following in the list of jurymen, who convicted him. Issae Dust, Jacob J. Miller, John C. Me-William Righstine, John C. ire, Joseph Meyers, George W. Beyer, George W. Tabb, Richard Timberberiake, Thomas Watson, Jr., Thomas Osbura, William A. Martin.

Only two of the jurymen are now liv s-George W. Boyer, who resides five lies from Charlestown, and William acts, who is a resident of Fauquier

he was hanged, the trial and execution taking place in Charlestown.. Four of Brown's men (two white and two black) were hung on the 16th of De-

cember, and two others, both white, on the 16th of March, 1860. Charles B. Harding was the prosecuting attorney, assisted by Andrew Hunter.

Both are dead.

Two Questions.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: Of what religious belief is the Hon.
Charles T. O'Ferrall?
2. Is there any protection afforded inventors by railroad companies, and if so, in what way?

A READER.

1. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church. 2. We do not understand this question

Did Christ "Laugh?" To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Does the Bible say anything about Christ laughing; if so in what book and chapter? Respectfully, C. H. C.

The Bible has no record of Christ's laughing, but more than once it states that He rejoiced.

Windgalls.
To the Editor of the Dispatch:

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I have a very fine blooded mare, aged 7½ years, perfectly sound, except for several small knots which have appeared on her front legs. They are not larger than large peas, are soft and not sensitive, and do not affect her action in the least. She is worked occasionally, but never overexerted. Be so kind as to inform me through your paper what those excrescences are, and what must be done for them.

Respectfully, "PHILHIPPOS." They are probably windgalls.

Windgalls are soft, puffy tumours, sit-uated at the back at the fetlocks. As a rule they are not productive of any harm, As long as they do not cause any inconvenience let well enough alone.

Marrying a Brother's Widow.
To the Editor of the Dispatch:
Is it a frequent thing in Virginia for a man to marry his brother's widow?

No. it is not a frequent thing. Prior to 1849 the intermarriage of a man with his brother's widow, or with his deceased

with his deceased wife's sister is common. We have heard that but for a remarkable speech of the late General William H. Gordon, of Albemarie, in the House of Delegates a man would have been allowed to marry his deceased wife's sister long before the law was changed.

Mammitis.
To the Editor of the Dispatch: To the Editor of the Dispatch:

I have a cow that dropped a calf about four months ago, and one of her tents will give only a little blood instead of milk, and that section of the bag, sor udder, is enlarged to the size of a half gallon jug and so stays all the time. The calf will not nurse, and the milker says she can milk a little bloody stuff out of the cow's bag every day or two. Now if you can give any remedy please do so and oblige a subscriber, R. L. G.

It is probably a case of mammitis. It is probably a case of mammitis.

Treatment should be prompt and energetic, as the longer the case is neglected the more difficult it becomes to effect a cure. A purgative should be given, say Epsom salts, common salt, three-fourth pounds of each; powdered ginger, two

drachms; warm water, one quart. Mix and give as a drench. A suspensory bandage should be used "are," throughout the multiplication to support the weight of the gland. The bandage having been placed in position ble.
Singham, a great grammatical authority, a quantity of bran or hops may be placed in it and around the udder and kept cor stantly moist by pouring upon it hot water. Care should be taken not to scald the patient. Milk should be drawn off at short intervals. Should the gland ontinue to be hard and painful, apply the following: Mercurial ointment, soap, of ach one-half pound; solid extract of bel-

ladonna, one-fourth pound. Mix and apply twice a day.

Society Customs. WASHINGTON D. C. To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Please answer the following in your Questions and Answers column:

1. In pass'ng his plate to be helped a second time, should a person retain his knife and fork, or leave them on the 2. In going from the parlor to the

dining-room, should the host precede or follow the guests? In leaving the dining-room, should he lead or follow? G. S. 1. There are as many people who think the knife and fork should be laid upon the plate in passing it to be helped a econd time as there are those who think they should be held in the hand, The English, who pride themselves upon their perfect knowledge of table etiquetta always hold them, the knife in the right, the fork in the left hand until the plate is returned. The Germans generally use a knife-rest, which is as much an adjunct of their table

furniture as a salt-cellar. 2. On state occasions, that is at a diner or supper where ceremony is strictly observed, the hostess leads the way with the most honored gentlemen guest, the host brings up the rear with the lady most honored, whom he seats at his right. If the ladies leave the gentlemen to their wine and cigars, the hostess rises, which is the signal for the other lady guests, and she leads the way to the drawing-room. If all the guests return at the same time, the host and hostess rise at the same moment, and no particular ceremony is observed in the order of their retiring.

Virginia Centuries and Riddlebergers. BROOKLYN, October 31. To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Some time ago you stated in your paper that the Century bonds are not taxable will you kindly state whether the Riddlebergers and Century three per cent bonds are taxables How many of each of these bonds have been issued?

When and how Riddleberger and Century bonds are redeemable?

Respectfully yours.

READER.

Respectfully yours, The Century bonds are not taxable in Virginia. The act says: "And this obligation is hereby made exempt from all taxation by the said Commonwealth of Virginia, or any county or corporation

thereof." The State has never taxed the R and C 3s (Registered and Coupon Riddle-

bergers). The total issue was \$9,289,087.17, of which \$6,627,000.60 were coupon bonds, and \$2,662,-00f.17 were registered and fractional certificates. The total amount now due and utstanding is \$6,330,786.56.

The R & C 2s are redeemable in Richmond, and at any time after 1900, at the option of the State, but are payable their face in 1833.

Natice to Correspondents. No notice will be taken of anonymous

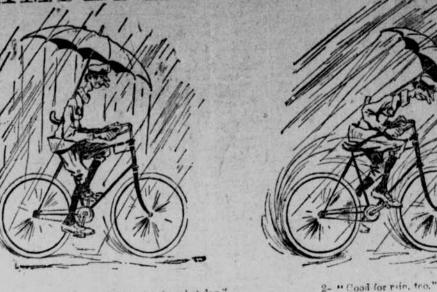
Nor will any attention be given to long

Many queries are not answered because imilar ones have been recently an-

We cannot undertake to ascertain the value of old ceins. For that information write to some dealer in them.

We cannot undertake to answer queries by mail; we can only answer them through this column.

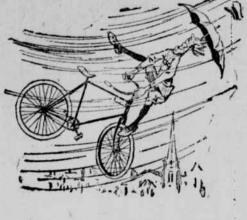
DAMPENED ENTHUSIASM. EDITOR'S BOOK TABLE



1-"I'll tell you, this is a great invention for a hot day."



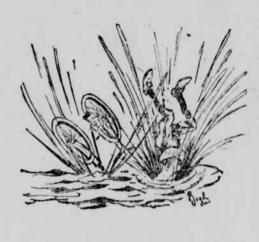
3-"It looks like a heavy storm-guess I had better sprin'."



4-" Whew! talk about your parachutes-



5-for flying, this beats it all to hollow-



6-But it doesn't keep off the wet a bit."

THE EDITORIAL SEASON.



1. - Editor of the "Women's Scalper" (writing): What the country needs is more currency. Let the great corporations pay cash instead of giving notes. Let them pay their labor the instant the work is finished. Let every one pay



2 .- "Oh, yes. Mr. Shoeman; come around next Christmas with that bill."

HOW TO TELL FORTUNES.

A Temporary Gypsy Queen States Se the Secrets of the Art. "Trade is slack just now," said Mother

Meg, as she jumped from the hay-filled gypsy cart, one of the attractions of the country fair. "So I guess that I will bb Mrs. Joshua Goldthorpe for the next five minutes and get a breath of fresh Off came the scarlet handkerchief

five minutes and get a breath of fresh air." Off came the scariest handkerchief from her head, revealing a trim costume and a suspicious line of white throat, greatly at variance with the brown stain of the face, says the Pittsburg Dispatch.

"Oh, Mother Meg, we would not believe one word of your fortunes if you were to tell them now," laughed a group of merry maidens.

"Well do I know that," was the reply. "Make-up counts for much. Still, were I to give you a few pointers on how to tell fortunes I venture to say the crowd of you would take up the business this very minute, nor bother in the least over brown faces or gorgoous apparel. Want to know how? Of course. Well, sit down on this hay mound, and, mind, if you see any customers coming, intent on crossing Mother Meg's palm with silver, let me know.

"Now hold out your left hands. Do you see any little fine lines verging towards the base of the thumb? Well, they are troubles to some, and the deep and leager they are, trouble to be measured accordingly. Next, if you find a deep line in the soft cushion of fiesh at the base of the forefinger, that means that you will not die an old maid. If you see a cross there, that means a happy marriage. Now, at the base of the third finger, as many lines as you find there indicate

in how many ways you could earn your living if thrown on your own resources. In other words, it is the measure of

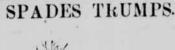
In other words, it is the measure of your talents or accomplishments.

"If the flesh, however, is sunken, you are devoid of ambition. If a plump cushion, you are always ready to be up and doing. Of the big lines in the palm the one nearest the thumb is the life line, the next the head line, and the horizontal the heart line. If this latter is broken or jerky, you are fickle; if he head line is dim and broken, you will never be famous or rich, and by the evenness and length of the life line you can tell of good health and longevity. When I tell fortunes, I generally estimate characteristics of persons by looking into when I tell forchas, I generally solve the characteristics of persons by looking into their faces. These estimates, clapped in with the rest, give customers the worth of their money.
"Some one coraing? Quick! Help me on with this gorgeousness. You have learned enough for the first lesson."

The French President.

(Detroit Free Press.)

M. Carnot went to the review the other morning in a splendid new carriage drawn by six horses. The explanation of this luxurious display is that the Compagnis Generale every year presents the President with a new landau. It is only lent for a year, and a new one is supplied for next year, also on loan. At the tend, of each year the carriage, which has obtained the president, can subsequently be let at a high figure to the Mayors, and sometimes to the municipalities for a long period. It is frequently the case that they even go to the heavy expense of buying the carriage of Monsieur the President of the Republic. Here worshipstill exists in France.











A Saving of Thirteen Centuries. (London Truth.)

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The managers of the Times are to be congratulated. At last they have deigned to consult the convenience of their readers by prefixing each announcement of birth, marriage, and death with the name of the party to whom the announcement rafers. For about twenty years this simple and obvious improvement has been resisted in the paper where it was most of all wanted. I find that the new departure saves me ten minutes per day, which is one hour per week, and more than two whole days per annum. Hupponing the Times to have a quarter of million readers daily, this means that half a million days, equivalent to over thirteen centuries, are

AND EXPLORERS. The Making of Virginia and the Middle Colonies-Other Readable

Books, &c. FAMOUS VOYAGERS AND EXPLOR-FAMOUS VOYAGERS AND EXPLIANCE THE RES. By Sarah Knowles Bolton, author of "Poor Boys Who Became Famous," "Girls Who Became Famous," "Famous American Authors," "Famous American Statesmen," "Famous Men of Science," "Famous European Artists," etc., etc., etc., etc., 12mo., 500 pages, with 19 portraits and maps, \$1.50, New York: Thomas Y. Crowell & Co.

Thomas Y. Crowell & Co. The Columbian year still continues to add to its quota of sketches of Columbus, just as it has added to the zest for novels English on the Delawars. The Columbian year still continues to and stories of adventure. A year in which the greatest adventure of the modern the greatest adventure of the modern find quite characteristic, it is no

of sketches of "famous" people. Small of sketches of "famous" people. Small virginia settlements on the Jan wonder then that the present year witnesses the production of a series of is neatly gotten up. The name

present volume, that of Christopher Co-lumbus having naturally the place of self is too slight, and lacks both honor. Others are on Marco Polo, Ferdinand Magellan, Sir Walter Raleigh, Sir put the book down with disapped from the expectations raised by the John Franklin, and others; David Livingstone, Matthew Calbraith Perry, General Greely, and other Arctic explorers. It is a varied list, the reader at once perceives. And Its Pleasant Sequel in Washington The appropriateness of their appearance in this connection is that all have some relation near or remote to our country, its discovery, extension, and settlement. Columbus was influenced and incited by July 1, 1863, at Gettysburg. The Marco Polo, for the accounts of this won- division commanded by Majorderful Venetlan were easerly read in the John B. Gordon, of Georgia, was fourteenth and fifteenth conturies, and it the first to attack. Its objective points must not be forgotton that America was the left of the Second Corps of the discovered in a search for a shorter route army. The daring commander of to the fabled lands of Cathay or China. corps occupied a position so far at Magellan performed the only less great beyond the main line of the February feat-only less great in its far-reachins that, while it invited attack, it pla feat—only less great in its far-reachins offects, but second to none in its courage and vigor—of pushing southwards for the strait (which now goes by his name) that would lead him to the Pacific Ocean, which he was the first to see and name. He was murdered on the homeward voyage by savages, but still it was one the strait of the strain of the North, which until then virgin to the strain of the North, which until then virgin to the strain of the North, which until then virgin to the strain of the North, which until then virgin to the strain of the North, which until then virgin to the strain of the North, which until then virgin to the strain of the North, which until then virgin to the strain of the North, which until then virgin to the strain of the North, which until then virgin to the strain of the North, which until then virgin to the virg of his ships, owing to this policy, that from Richmond to Gettyshorn first circumnavigated the globe.

sir Walter Raleigh in vain attempted to ettle the coast of North America in "with bloody hands to hospital" the name of his queen, and called the But the Federal flanks rest the name of his queen, and called the being turned, its line was becountry Virginia in her honor. Sir John and despite its bravely resolution and despite its bravely resolution and despite its bravely resolution. Franklin sailed to northern latitudes, and his life, labors, and death constitute thrill- | Confederate veterans, it was forced to the ing chapters in the romance of the North | back.

The late Poet-Laureate of England

a worthy tribute to a noble man.

Livingston found fame and death in Africa, but a tomb in Westminster. Perry opened up to the world a new country with a fresh and curious art and a strange and targe civilization—Jargan, the land of and rare civilization-Japan, the land of and rare civilization—Japan, the land of flowers, and of flowers the chrysanthe-and water and as he revived said, i mum. The last chapter again directs us over him:

In all we find suffering, in all the same

in all we find suffering, in all the same manliness of heart, devotion to a principle, courage and perseverance.

The author makes no attempt at original research; she is merely giving the results of others in bright, readable form for instruction. The essay on Columbus, for instance, has consulted all the latest and best authornties—Harrisse and Castelar and Winsor and Piske. Naturally it is with a woman's pride that she tells of Isabella crying to the doubtful Ferdinand, "I undertake the enterprise for responded: "May God bless of the course of the cours of Isabella crying to the doubtful Ferdinand. "I undertake the enterprise for my own crown of Castile, and will piedge fmy jewels to raise the necessary funds."

It was this prompt decision that kept Columbus in the employ of Spain and prevented him from appealing further for aid to Henry VII., of England, and setzing that unknown land in the English name instead of Spanish. It was reserved for the Cabots within the same decade to arrest the English claim.

The story of Columbus need not be told here once more—the reader will prefer to

They are from my wife it easily man interest the English claim.

The story of Columbus need not be told here once more—the reader will prefer to pass, especially if the has been surfected with Columbus literature for a year, to Marco Palo's wonderful adventures, which is the foundation of English proce literature, and yet were themselves translations from the French Marco Polo's accounts were also current in the French form. The world accepted them a long time for entertaining fables—it is only of late years that actual travel has proved the truly of most of his wonderful retains the following the presents and actual travel has proved the truly of most of his wonderful retains. Polo was a Venetian fail the following the present of his life. He it is who tells of the wonderful retains the provide her world on fire to possess themselves of this well. It was in trying to find a short cut to these lands that Columbus and his Spaniaris stumbled upon America—and it was long before they din't know it was not collinate of muttines. It was in trying to find a short cut to these lands that Columbus and his Spaniaris stumbled upon America—and it was long before they din't know it was not collinate of muttines. It was a constitute of most of a liferon sort!

Magellan's life circumnavigation of the greatest of both ancient and modern and sandors. He reached the straits south of Patagonia only after overcoming the market was still living though service that deprived him of an all slows and the spaniary of the collection, and the spaniary of the collection of the straits of the volume. He was a brave man and he mot with a hard fate. Virginians to the collection of the collection of the satisfaction of the collection o

author presents a more than and the characters presented are more real. In some of the others matter of detail burdens the spirit of the recital. We would not forget to call attention to the illustrations of the principal characters

THE MAKING OF VIRGINIA AND THE MIDDLE COLONIES, 1578-1701. By Samuel Adams Brake. With many flustrations and maps, Pages, 228, 11.50. New York. Charles Scribner's Sons, 1833. For sale by West, Johnston & Co. The author has already written of "The Making of the Great West," and aims to give a companion to these two, selving as a "brief, compact, handy manual"—if the last two words contain no redundancy—which is primarily designed for school and home instruction. For the sake of the teacher and adult reader explanatory notes and numerous references have been added as bints for further reading and investigation.

We have ne fault to find with the plan, purpose, and scope, but we do confess to a disappointment in the execution. Candidly, it seems to us that there is very little body to what is here offered. The best part of the book lies, undoubtedly in the references—the part which is net given, but merely indicated. THE MAKING OF VIRGINIA AND

The first sixty-five pages are devoted to the English in Virginia, treating of Gilbert's and Raleigh's voyages, the first colony at Roanoke Island in 15th, the revival at Jamestown in 150f, the struggle for life, and the era of progress betterted don't struggle for life, and the era of progress struggle for life, and the era of progr bringing down the marrative to 1821 yet, if one knew nothing else about founding of Virginia save what is a offered—and the large, free type, sim form of stalement and character-illustration all betoken that the is designed for beginners—we assert a positively that the bleas would be led inadequate, even if not confusing to is the barest outline, the thinnest this and it is not always the points a is the barest outline, the thinnest the and it is not always the points. Mr. Drake most insists upon which appeal most closely to a Virginia audience, we feel sure. This is more one fourth of the book, and the slightness of content will be felt a where. There are four other dividing the English in Maryland, The Inguise Leaving.

age is celebrated by the most enormous exposition of the world naturally gives birth to the recital of other great adventures, and to the praise of other courageous adventurers.

Mrs. Bolton is already well known as a recounter of biographical matter, for she has let fall from her pen a full series of sketches of "famous" people. Small papers on "Famous Voyagers and Explorers."

publishers, Scribners, is enough for that, and the ground for that, and the ground for the papers in all in the taining. After this, the notes

AN INCIDENT OF GETTYSBURG

Eleven Years Later. (New Haven Evening Registe The advance of the Confederate battle commenced early on the morning of

Gordon's division was in math-double quick to selze and hold to age ground in his front from with The late Poet-Laureate of England wrote these majestic lines for his monument in Westminster:

"Not here! The white North hath thy bones, and thou Heroic sailor soul!

Art passing on thy happier voyage now Towards no earthly pole"—

a worthy tribute to a noble man.

age ground in his front from who opposing line had retreated, when directly in his path the apparent body of a Union officer. He chespose, and then observed, from tion of the eyes and lips, that five wounded formula was typing in a wounded formula was typing in a wounded formula.

and the no less noble attempt for his dition. I am General Gordon. I'me who you are. I wish to aid

The answer came in feeble tones



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